

PLANNING RETREAT AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
March 3-5, 2006
Indian Wells, California

Executive Committee Meeting: Friday, March 3, 1-4 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of January Minutes (Jodi)
3. Ex.Comm. Applications and Subcommittee Review, Qualifications (Sherri)
4. Call for Ex.Comm. Officer Candidates (Sherri)
5. Legislative Report (Jodi)
6. Publications
 - a. Newsletter (Bill)
 - b. Updates (Michael)
 - c. Website (Stacey?)
7. Program Updates:
 - a. SEI Recap (Jan. 27-29)(Sean/Stacey, Jon, Rick, Robert)
 - b. Student Negotiations Competition (March 10) (UCLA) (Sean)
 - c. Central Valley Environmental Program (April 28-29, 2006) (Kristen, Brett)
 - d. Spring Roundtables (June 9-11) (Monterey) (Greg)
 - e. Your Voice: Sierras Outreach (August 10) (Lake Tahoe) (Peter P.)
 - f. Law School Programs (*Remember ELS Handouts !!!*)
 - i. BOG Initiative (Brett)
 - ii. Boalt (Danielle) (8/29/05)
 - iii. Stanford (Jim W, Toni) (Spring '06)
 - iv. USD (Michael H) (Spring '06)
 - v. GGU (Cliff)
 - vi. Hastings/USF (David)
 - vii. McGeorge/UCD (Kristen)

8. Program Co-Sponsorships
 - a. Hastings Environmental Justice Workshop (January 11) (David)
 - b. ABA SEER Water Law Conference (February 23-24) (Coronado)
 - c. UCD Law Society Symposium (February 24) (Davis)
 - d. Urban Water Institute Conference (June 1-2) (Hyatt Regency, Long Beach)
 - e. [Center for Creative Land Recycling]
9. Other Section Programs
 - a. California Environmental Trial Academy (2007) (Location?) (Michael)
 - b. Bren School Conference (Rick)
10. Diversity Coalition (Sherri)
11. Minority Fellowships (Sherri, Ed O., Toni)
12. Grant Applications (Ed O.)
 - a. Bar Foundation Schedule and Updates
13. Council of State Bar Sections Report (Brett)
14. Report from the Board of Governors (Rick C.)
15. Membership Survey (Bruce, Sherri)
16. State Bar/ABA Liaisons (Brett, Jane)
17. Environmental Law Section Ex.Comm. Policies (David)

Retreat Overview: Friday, March 3, 4-5 p.m. (Sherri, Sean)

- a. Retreat Overview
- b. Environmental Law Section's Mission: Are We Meeting It?
- c. What Are Our Goals and Objectives?
- d. How Do We Integrate Our Goals and Objectives for the Coming Years?

Financials: Saturday, March 4, 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. (Betsy)

1. Budget Approval Policy Update

2. Financial Goals and Objectives

- a. Are we meeting them?

3. Budget Review and Analysis

- a. Does our budget fit our mission and goals?
- b. Can we better allocate our budget to fit all our goals?
- c. Additional places to trim costs? (E.g., reimbursements, comps, meeting early deadlines, etc.)

Future Program Planning: Saturday, March 4, 1:30-5 p.m. (Sean)

1. Evaluating and Invigorating Our Existing Programs

- a. Review of Functions/Goals: Education, Publications, Legislative Analysis, Service to Section Members, Other Attorneys, and Public
- b. Publications (Marketing, Advertising, etc.)
- c. Legislative Efforts (Reports, Updates, etc.)
- d. Services Orientation/Member Outreach (Law Schools, Public, Other)
- e. Education
 - i. Review of Past Programs (Successes, Failures, Lessons)
 - ii. Expanding or Focusing Our Programs
 - (1) Outreach to More Section Members
 - (2) Increasing Attendance
 - (3) Keeping Our Programs Relevant

- iii. Discussion of possible new position of “program and education chair”
– to lead our program planning, decisions about taping and sales of
Section programs, etc.
- 2. Brainstorming Future Programs
 - a. Environmental Justice Program
 - b. Smart Growth Program
 - c. Tribal Conference
 - d. Rural Programs
 - e. Central Coast Program
 - f. LA Water Program
 - g. Science Academy
 - h. Environmental Law Basics Course
 - i. Others?
- 3. Developing goals, strategies and policies to guide our collaboration with outside entities through Section co-sponsorships of others’ programs and other means (e.g., allowing others to market in our publications and on our website)
 - a. Local bar associations
 - b. ABA
 - c. Other organizations (including nonprofits and others)
- 4. Using Sponsorships to Raise Revenue
 - a. Developing goals and strategy to guide our use of program sponsorships to raise revenue
 - b. Developing policies regarding solicitation and acceptance of program sponsorships
- 5. Other Planning Matters
 - a. Retreat '07?
- 6. Planning Wrap Up

Yosemite: Sunday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. (Betsy, Stephen, Erica, James)

1. Conference Logistics
2. Plenaries
3. Panels and Roundtables
4. Outdoor Programs
5. Other

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Friday, March 24, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Video Conference (L.A. and S.F.) and Telephone Conference